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Zubok et al.

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For: ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
HAVING A BORED SEMISPHERICAL  
BEARING WITH A COMPRESSION  
LOCKING POST AND RETAINING CAPS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed  
September 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows.